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TAGS: PFOR ASEAN

SUBJ: ASEAN NEUTRALITY SCHEME

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2594

WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO A UPI ARTICLE BY RATAN SINGH FROM KUALA LUMPUR, "ASEAN SPLIT DELAYS BLUEPRINT FOR NEUTRALITY." THE ARTICLE CARRIED IN THE MAY 13 EDITION OF THE NATION STATES: "SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) YESTERDAY DECIDED TO POSTPONE ADOPTION BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS OF A BLUEPRINT FOR A NEUTRAL SOUTHEAST ASIA BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES ON MAJOR POINTS." THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE BLUEPRINT WAS NOT READY BECAUSE SENIOR OFFICIALS DECIDED TO DISCUSS TWO ISSUES THAT IT DOES NOT COVER: STEPS TO HANDLE VIOLATIONS OF ZONE PRINCIPLES BY OUTSIDE NATIONS, AND A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP GOVERNING RELATIONS AMONG POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE ZONE. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE MAIN DIFFERENCES AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS CENTERED ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN ZONE MEMBERS WITH THE PHILIPPINES STICKING TO ITS PROPOSAL FOR A LEGALLY BINDING ARBITRATION COURT, WHILE MOST MEMBERS FAVORED A MALAYSIAN PROPOSAL FOR A LOOSE MEDIATION COUNCIL.

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